

# DEAR EDITOR....

## 'Logical Conclusion'

Editor,  
Torrance Press:  
I do not live in Torrance but I have had occasion to read your paper and have found it well worth reading. In your Thursday, April 12 edition I noted a letter signed Ivan Strunsky "The Arlington Ave. Baron." The entire missive seemed to be written by one with a feudal mind, signed with a feudal title, and indicated man inhumanity to man.

I wish I could disagree with the author of this letter and say that we have no segregation. Unfortunately, I cannot. But that does not mean that we do not battle against the small minds that uphold it. When we fight against segregation, we fight against all social, political and economic barriers.

The Negro, the Jew, the Catholic, or any other group that may be segregated want to be treated as human beings, want to be treated decently and as equals, exercising their rights as citizens to live where they please, within their income range, to play, and to educate their children. But they cannot despite the fact that the law of the land gives them the right.

A few wealthy land owners and real estate agents, fearful of deteriorating property values, keep them from living where they please.

Others in our society of "freemen" keep them from playing where they wish and from working in certain fields. These fallacies in our free country should be corrected.

The building department by its restrictions as to value of a house in a certain area, does not necessarily segregate by race, color, or creed, but by the economics of the individual family.

Segregation has not been the key to survival of mankind but has led to many wars, both large and small. We do not know how many wonderful doctors, scientists, inventors, mathematicians, philosophers, etc., we have lost as a result of this cruel and vicious concept that says in effect: I am of this color or race and therefore better

than you. Therefore because you are a minority group you cannot study medicine, science or law (or limit the number permitted to do so).

No, the answer to the problem is the same as the answer to any other problem—better understanding. Better understanding among all the various races, colors and creeds will help bring about peace and prosperity. More, not less, intermingling of these groups will help this understanding to become real, alive and vital. Equal treatment of all, regardless of race, color or creed—a really true Christian practice by us all of brotherly love and love of

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## Stevens Explains City Manager Government

The city of Torrance has a council-manager type of government, which is rapidly becoming one of the most popular in the country, City Manager George Stevens explained.

Under this set-up, a city manager is appointed by the City Council. The city manager is directly responsible to the members of the council who are elected by the people. And, responsible directly to the city manager are all the various department heads.

It was not always like this. Before 1948 when the council-manager form of government was instituted, there was no one to coordinate the various department activities, and department heads were responsible

to the City Council. This meant that department heads had to make sure that they could get three of the five councilmen to approve their recommendations.

The council-manager form of government is very prevalent in California and had its origin 41 years ago. At that time 40 cities adopted it and now there are well over 100 cities which use it in California.

Torrance was founded in 1911 and incorporated as a city of the sixth class in 1921.

A growing city, Stevens

pointed out, has growing pains, and the most serious ones which must be met are the problems of drainage during the rainy season and establishing a complete refuse collection system.

These, as other problems will be taken in stride and met, Stevens said.

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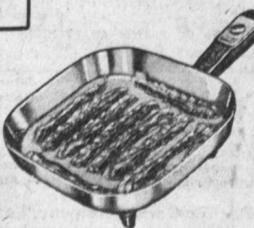
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